

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte HISATO SHINOHARA and
AKIRA SUGAWARA

Appeal No. 98-2015
Application 08/169,127¹

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

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An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed February 22, 1999 (Paper No. 34) and has been matched with this application at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. The IDS needs to be considered by the Primary Examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A communication notifying appellants of the Primary Examiner's decision is required. this file.

¹ Application for patent filed December 20, 1993. According to appellants, the application is a continuation-in-part of Application 07/891,907, filed June 1, 1992, now abandoned; which is a continuation of Application 07/626,419, filed December 14, 1990; which is a continuation of Application 07/288,186, filed December 22, 1988; which is a continuation-in-part of Application 07/097,190, filed September 16, 1987, now Patent No. 4,867,964.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for consideration of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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